

## **Carlisle Housing Authority**

January 12, 2012

Submitted by Carolyn Ing

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Present: Alan Lehotsky (Chair), James Bohn, W. Randall Brown, Carolyn Ing, Stephen Pearlman, Elizabeth DeMille Barnett (Housing Coordinator).

Community input: none.

### **Old business**

NOAH Benfield Farms update: The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs has agreed to write a letter of support for the Benfield project. Barnett is working supporting NOAH, which includes providing information and data, on the next Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Benfield Farms One-Stop Funding application due February 10. Lehotsky suggested the board contact state legislators to garner their support.

Highland Building Update: The Highland Building Committee is holding its meeting concurrently with the Housing Authority. There has been no new news that the HBC's committee's position on the affordable housing re-use option has changed.

### **New business**

CPA application for Conant funding: On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Bohn, it was voted 5-0 to submit the CPA application with amendments as discussed in the meeting.

Home weatherization initiative: Barnett is still investigating whether CPA can fund a home weatherization project, and on what terms. She will look for other sources of potential funding. She has already discussed the project with the Council on Aging and plan to talk to Habitat for Humanity.

CPA Welcome Home initiative: The Citizens Housing and Planning Association invited the Carlisle Housing Authority to sign on as a board; to its new program, "Welcome Home." This program is primarily a website, which provides analytic and technical tools and resources for the development of affordable housing. This invitation was discussed. Consensus was that Housing Authority members would make the decision to support this initiative individually.

Conservation land swap: Lehotsky proposed informally discussing the idea of swapping buildable parcels for the in exchange for Conservation land with restrictions. Lehotsky and Pearlman plan to discuss this proposal with the Community Preservation Act Committee, Board of Selectmen, the Carlisle Conservation Foundation and other interested town entities.

Minutes approved: On a motion made by Lehotsky and seconded by Bohn, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the October 25 meeting.

Next meeting: January 24 (cancelled), February 9, 2012

Meeting adjourned: On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Brown, it was voted 4-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Action items**

- Barnett to investigate funding sources for home weatherization project.